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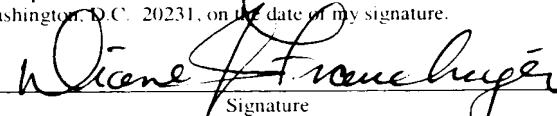
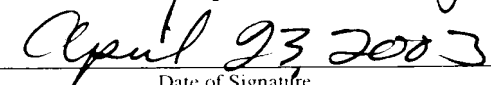
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Response is made to the requirement for restriction in the Subject Application under 37 CFR 1.499 set forth in the Office Action mailed March 26, 2003, (Paper No. 11). Also, Applicants submit that simultaneously filed herewith is a Preliminary Amendment to amend the specification and the claims of the subject Application. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction in view of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment and the following remarks.